



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursday 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
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Today's Program: Kathleen Draper – Biochar and Straw Bale Houses

Next Week: Club Assembly

Meeting notes from 14 March 2024

Pledge: President Nancy Stelnyk

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Mark Sheppard introduced Bill Oaks from Oaks Corners.

Janet Tenreiro noted Margie LaTourette was on her 2nd visit with the Club – a former Pittsford Rotarian – and prospective member here.

Announcements:

President Nancy mentioned the District Training Assembly on 13 April, 8-1pm, with our Club hosting. **Tom Rogers** is the Training Chair, and is seeking volunteers to help with set-up, operations, etc.

Janet Tenreiro discussed the District Conference in Saratoga 26-28 April.

Curt Bailey said the Bowl-A-Thon on 24 March is coming along well – with room for more teams, and of course sponsors for bowlers. All proceeds to the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Kim Tenreiro had two announcements:

First: The Flag program is rapidly growing and we're looking for a few more volunteers to place and retrieve flags – twice this summer.

Second: Update your contacts and the committees you would like to serve on next Rotary year.

A new twist on Earth Day was announced by **Jodi Kaufmann**. On 18 May Rotary will plant the Gleaner's Garden at Sonnenberg, with additional focus on butterfly friendly plantings.

Kathi Nevin passed along from our friends at Wood Library their indoor golf fund raiser on 22 & 23 March, at the Library.

Ellen Polimeni announced the Scholarship Committee will meet on 21 March at 1130, at the Legion.

Ed O'Connor pulled the 6 winners for the Meat Raffle - - and they are: \$250 box each to **Jack Kellogg**, Kim Kimble, Lee Boise and **President Nancy**. \$500 box each to **Dick McGavern**, and R. Lessard. Over 50 Rotarians participated in the Meat Raffle by buying or selling tickets.

Happy Dollars:

Gloria Dancause: Back from Florida, and sporting a “Just Soups” book from a Florida Rotary club. Auctioned it off for \$40 to **Jodi Kaufmann**.

Janet Tenreiro noted **Mike Feldmeyer's** birthday.

George Herren sporting a vintage Genesee Beer can Irish themed knitted hat, a dollar for happy to be here.

Paul Harvey tossed a dollar in a lame effort to buy his way off committees!!

Dick McGavern remembered the Bonita Springs Rotary that fined northerners for wearing long pants to the meeting, then the next week fined Dick and friend for wearing shorts. Snowbird dollars!!

Margie LaTourette thanked us for a warm welcome.

Ed O'Connor confessed a week in Phoenix.

Mark Sheppard returned the Pit Pass.

Program:

Jim Ritts, Ontario County District Attorney since 2017, discussed the several priority focus areas for prosecutions in Ontario County.

His office has maintained zero tolerance for DWIs, with the new issue being driving while under the influence of drugs. The difficulty is determining exactly which drug was involved, since if the wrong drug is named, a defendant could be found not guilty.

Special victims continues to be a particular focus for Jim, as that was his focus area as First Deputy DA. Ontario County also works aggressively against retail theft, especially at Eastview Mall.

The so-called criminal justice reform has been especially burdensome. Enhanced discovery requirements, sealing records, proposed elder parole, and new legislation proposing regular judicial reviews of convictions after 5 years, and every two years thereafter, have dramatically tilted the scales.

If you are concerned about these issues, we were encouraged to engage our state representatives in the Senate and Assembly.

Joker Draw: **Judi Gorenflo** took the \$17 cash. **Ellen Polimeni** drew the Joker for the Jackpot!!